

## Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

### You Remember the Real America...

#### ...If You Can Remember:

WHEN riots were unthinkable  
 WHEN you left front doors open  
 WHEN socialism was a dirty word  
 WHEN the Flag was a sacred symbol  
 WHEN criminals actually went to jail  
 WHEN we weren't afraid to go out at night  
 WHEN a girl was a girl and dressed like one  
 WHEN a boy was a boy and dressed like one  
 WHEN taxes were merely a necessary nuisance  
 WHEN the poor were too proud to take handouts  
 WHEN songs had a tune and the words made sense  
 WHEN pastors talked about religion and not politics  
 WHEN college kids swallowed goldfish and not drugs  
 WHEN a Sunday drive was a pleasant trip, not an ordeal  
 WHEN young men wanted to join the Army and the Navy  
 WHEN you bragged about your hometown and home state  
 WHEN store clerks and repairmen tried hard to please you  
 WHEN everybody didn't feel entitled to a college education  
 WHEN people knew what the Fourth of July really stood for



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God Bless America,  
 Land that I love,  
 Stand beside her  
 and guide her  
 Through the night  
 with a light  
 from above.

From the mountains,  
 to the prairies,  
 to the oceans  
 white with foam.

God Bless America,  
 My home,  
 sweet home.

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 My home,  
 sweet home.



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It's my first week working  
at the bicycle factory,  
and already they've made me  
their spokes person.

## Ten Fun Facts

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror
2. You can't count your hair
3. You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out
4. You just tried no. 3.
6. When you tried no. 3 you realized it was possible, but you look like a panting dog.
7. You are smiling right now because you were fooled.
8. You skipped no. 5.
9. You just checked to see if there was a no. 5.
10. You're thinking about sharing this with friends to see if they'll try no. 3.

*(You Remember the Real America—Continued from Page 1)*

WHEN you never dreamed our country could ever lose a war  
 WHEN politicians proclaimed their patriotism, and meant it  
 WHEN everybody knew the difference between right and wrong  
 WHEN the law meant justice, and you were proud of your police  
 WHEN things weren't perfect, but you never expected them to be  
 WHEN people were satisfied with less and valued what they had more  
 WHEN our government stood up for America anywhere in the world  
 WHEN you knew the law would be enforced and your safety protected  
 WHEN you considered yourself lucky to have a good job, and were proud of it  
 WHEN you weren't embarrassed to say this is the best country in the world  
 WHEN the pledge of allegiance was recited the first thing every morning in school  
 WHEN America was a land filled with brave, proud, confident, hard-working people of all backgrounds



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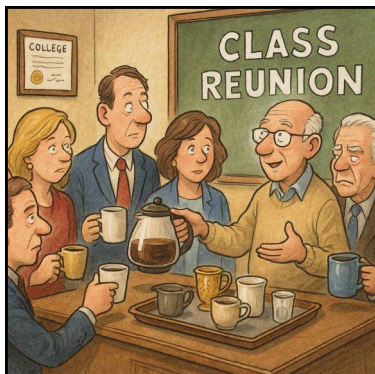


Apparently this week there will be  
constant rane, hale, gails, drissle,  
thunder, litening, torenatos, and  
record heet.

A really bad spell of wether.

**A man lost three fingers in an accident.** He asked the doctor, "Will I be able to drive with this hand?"  
"Possibly," replied the doctor.  
"But I wouldn't count on it."

### Choose the Coffee, Not the Cup



At a college reunion, a group of successful alumni—now doctors, lawyers, business owners—decided to visit their old professor. They chatted about their careers and families, but soon the conversation shifted to life's pressures, stress, and constant chasing after more.

After listening for a while, the professor smiled and said, "Hold on a minute. I'll go make us some coffee."

He came back with a large pot and a tray full of cups—none of them matching. Some were fine porcelain, others were plain ceramic, a few were chipped glass mugs, and one even looked like it came from a diner.

As everyone reached for a cup, the professor watched in silence. Once they all had coffee in hand, he said:

"Notice what just happened. Most of you instinctively reached for the nicest cups—leaving behind the simpler ones. It's normal to want the best for ourselves, but that's often where the stress begins."

He gestured toward the cups. "The cup doesn't make the coffee taste any better. What you really wanted was the coffee. But you still focused on the cup."

Then he paused. "Life is the coffee. Your job, your house, your income, your status—those are just cups. They help contain life, but they don't define it. And the trouble is, the more we focus on the cup, the more we miss out on the coffee."

He smiled. "Remember, happy people don't always have the best of everything. But they know how to make the best of what they have."



**MY FACE IN THE MIRROR ISN'T WRINKLED OR DRAWN, MY HOUSE ISN'T DIRTY, THE COBWEBS ARE GONE. MY GARDEN LOOKS LOVELY AND SO DOES MY LAWN. I THINK I MIGHT NEVER PUT MY GLASSES BACK ON!**



**The fact that my body cracks like a glow stick whenever I move, yet refuses to actually glow is very disappointing!**



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### Just Following Instructions



We went to see a movie the other night. I sat in an aisle seat as I usually do because it feels a little roomier.

After all the trailers played and the feature was about to start, a young lady sitting in the center of our row got up and started working her way out.

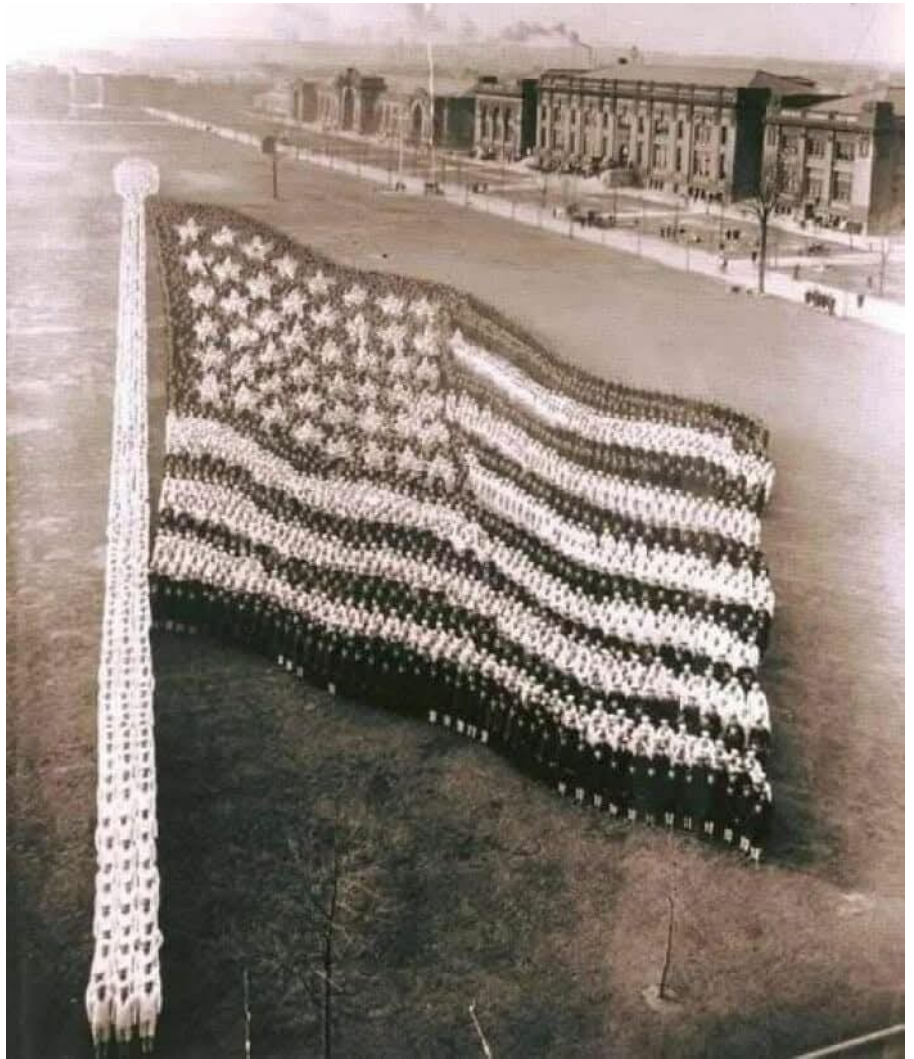
"Excuse me, sorry, oops, pardon me, sorry, gotta hurry, excuse me. Pardon me."

By the time she got to me, the movie was starting, and I was trying to see around her. I was a little impatient with her, so I said, "Couldn't you have done this a little earlier?"

"No!" she said in a loud whisper. "I just saw the 'TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE, PLEASE' message up on the screen, and my phone is in the car."

### Living Flag

In 1918, ten thousand sailors at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois formed a mammoth USA flag.



"i before e"

Except for when your neighbor Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters. Weird.

I saw an old man with a fishing rod outside my local coffee shop fishing in a puddle in the rain. He looked so cold.



I told him, "Come on in, have a coffee and warm up." As we sat there sipping a hot java, I thought I would humor him. "How many have you caught today?" I asked. "You're the fifth," he answered.



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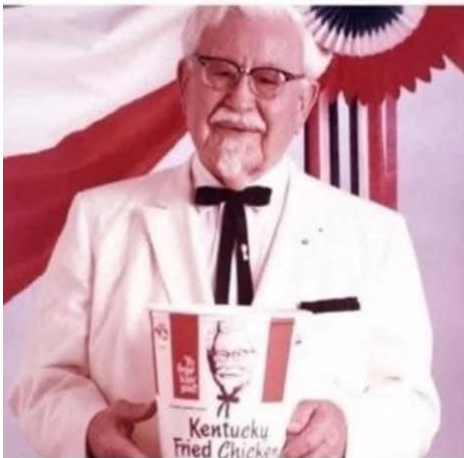
# It's never too late.



**Ray Kroc -  
Joined McDonald's at 52**



**Henry Ford -  
Started Ford at 40**



**Harland Sanders -  
Started KFC at 65**



**Richard Samela -  
Won an argument with his wife at 54**

## Freckles and Wrinkles

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws.

"You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in the line said to the little fella.

Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head.

His grandmother knelt down next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles, she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful!"



The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said the grandmother. "Why, just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles."

The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma's face, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."



My friend and I were trying to memorize the names of the planets for a test tomorrow, when all of a sudden

**My Very Elegant Mother Just Served Us Nachos Perfectly.**

**"Do Not Touch"**  
must be one of the scariest  
things to read in Braille!

### English Language Game:

Place the word "only"  
anywhere in this sentence:

"She told him that she loved him."



If you think English isn't a weird language, just remember that read and lead rhyme, and read and lead rhyme. But read and lead don't rhyme, and neither do read and lead.

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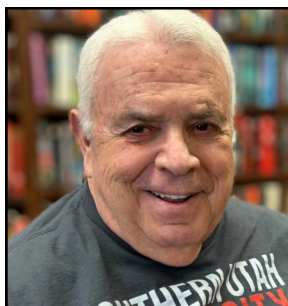
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*"May you live as long as you want,  
and never want as long as you live."  
is an Irish toast.*

*"Bread, eggs, cinnamon and maple syrup"  
is a French toast.*

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